

What's NEW

A bi-weekly newsletter for Greenfield Community College staff and faculty

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Lt. Governor Murphy to speak at daycare center opening

Lt. Governor Evelyn Murphy will be the special guest speaker at the opening of the Rainbow Room, the on-campus location of the GCC Child Care Center, Thursday, October 26, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The on-campus center was built over the summer by the maintenance crew, and was opened this fall to 20 pre-schoolers.

In addition to the on-campus center, the Child Care Center this fall began its infant-toddler program at the Pierce St. location. The program offers child-care for 7 infants and 9 toddlers.

The center first opened in 1971, with support from the GCC Foundation.

If you or your students would like more information on child care services, contact Nina Cook at 774-3413 or extension 364.

The President's Corner

I am gratified by the response of the college community regarding our current fiscal plight. The Student Government organized quickly and effectively for the state-wide student rally on the Boston Common this Wednesday, and we are delighted that Chapin & Sadler Transportation in Montague donated a bus to carry part of the GCC contingent to the rally. This kind of support from a local business is symbolic and important to our cause.

During the coming months, all of you will be asked for your ideas about possible savings and revenue-generating initiatives, as well as for your cooperation in living with a once-again reduced operating budget. Your continued support and involvement in seeking solutions - internally as well as acting as advocates in your community - is critical. Thanks in advance for your help.

All administrators at GCC are involved in a year-long project of management development under a grant from Bay State Skills Corporation. At this critical time in the history of our college, an opportunity to consider ways to strengthen management skills and to learn new approaches to ensuring thoughtful, effective planning and decision-making is welcome. The consulting team is led by Bob Marx of the UMass School of Management and includes among others, Jeff Galbraith of GCC. A steering committee of five GCC administrators from all areas of the college is directing the project. The management group spent Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, October 5 and 6, at a workshop at Woolman Hill getting to better know each other's roles in the college and also identifying issues of concern for future workshops. (And oh, yes - the two-day event was conducted at no cost to the college's budget!)

I encourage all of you to send ideas, announcements, information, and comments to Arden Billings for inclusion in *What's New*. This newsletter has real potential to become a vibrant, interesting, vehicle for communication — but we need YOUR thoughts and news to make it work!

—Katherine Sloan

Staff Notes

THANK YOU...

Gretchen Watson sends her thanks to the kind soul who returned her billfold, September 29.

Valorie and Richard Knowlton for their donation of a new American flag to GCC. We'll fly her proudly.

WELCOME...

to Denise Bouthiller, who is teaching medical office procedures, medical terminology and typing development I under a grant-funded program. Denise is from Shelburne Falls and had previously been an administrative aide and grant writer for the Town of Shelburne.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS' ALERT...

Louise Minks, coordinator of the Pioneer Valley Institute, will soon have a new book available in local bookstores. Featuring beautiful double-page color plates, "The Hudson River School" is the artist's latest in a series of books which have dealt with Norman Rockwell, Frederick Remington and Charles Russell. Louise also works in Old Deerfield with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association at Memorial Hall Museum and was a big part of the Summer Sampler Program's success with area children this summer.

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Perry and Todd: Our favorite fix-it guys

What does down-time mean to you? To Perry Cole and Todd Berthiaume in the AV Maintenance Dept. it means it's time for them to go to work. And for the college community, it is the difference between having equipment to work with or not.

Home base for Perry and Todd is a basement office filled with shelves of electronic parts and pieces of parts, gadgets, manuals and various machines in different states of repair.

Perry started the program 12 years ago to maintain the TV studio and the audio-visual equipment, and today it is a college-wide electronic repair and maintenance department that works on everything from audio-visual equipment to the elevator, to the anti-theft device in the library.

Perry and Todd work to keep other people's down time to a minimum and shop for competitive prices on parts and services.

"In most cases, it's less expensive to maintain existing equipment and obsolete equipment than it is to replace it," says Perry. Perry and Todd work to keep down-time to a minimum and shop for competitive prices on parts and services.

When you compare the cost of a technician making house calls to

the cost of an in-house service department making 10 calls a day, the savings becomes overwhelming and the down-time is considerably reduced, says Perry.

"IBM has not been here to repair a typewriter for eight years," explains Perry.

"Without the budget to send equipment for repairs, we would not have any working equipment," says Garry Longe, TV studio technician.

Service calls are only a third of the work. Job orders for repairs to the college, parts and equipment maintenance inventory control, and larger technical jobs constitute the greater part of the days work, according to Perry.

"The big jobs take time," he says, "we try to do all the small jobs first to make as many people happy as we can," says Perry.

If you have ever called Perry and Todd to fix something that went haywire you would probably say they were life-savers- or at least a computer or typewriter, or whatever-savers.

As one person has said, "they perform miracles on dead things, they are the resurrectors of dying equipment."

--Douglas A. Ross Jr

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GHOSTS, GOBLINS, WITCHES... AND THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT...

The Student Activities Council of the Student Senate has voted to make this year's GCC Halloween Costume Dance a United Way fundraiser. GCC students will be charged a \$2 admission (\$1 to the United Way and \$1 to the Activities Council), and the public will be charged \$3 (\$1 to the United Way and \$2 to the Activities Council).

FOR SALE...

Marilyn Bellow's son is selling a 1978

VW Rabbit. It is in excellent shape and good running condition. New parts include-- starter, exhaust system, alternator, brakes, and more, asking \$850. If anyone is interested, call Marilyn Bellows at ext. 248.

HELP...

Sterling Clark is asking the college community for ideas pertaining to how to reduce the energy consumption in the college. Charlie Carter has asked to find ways to reduce the energy budget by \$20,000. Any suggestions or comments should be sent to Sterling. Your support is appreciated.

Calendar

OCTOBER 19: College Day, transfer coordinator Rob Yacubian's annual academic extravaganza, complete with representatives from over 100 four-year colleges. 9-1, college gymnasium and lobby. **TELL YOUR STUDENTS!**

OCTOBER 26: GRAND OPENING of the Rainbow Room, GCC's jazzy new on-campus daycare center. Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy will speak. 12 noon, north FSM.

OCTOBER 26: GCC Foundation Dinner. The annual gathering will take place at 7 p.m. in the college cafeteria.

OCTOBER 27: Macintosh User Group Meeting- Everything you always wanted to know about Hypercard. Noon, N401.

OCTOBER 31: Lecture-- Stanley Wiater, local sci-fi writer and author of two upcoming books, will speak at 12:15 in the back of the cafeteria.

NOVEMBER 1: Concert--Andanza, music of South and Central Americas. 12 noon, cafeteria.

NOVEMBER 17-19: New York City trip--contact Merryl Sackin for information.

HELP!

How have this year's budget cuts affected you or your students? We are looking for first person testimonials of about 150-200 words for inclusion in the off-campus newsletter. Please send your items to Arden Billings in the Development Office.

THANKS!

Quote of the Week

"I tried not to be vindictive or mean."

--Nancy Reagan, on her new book, as told to Newsweek magazine.